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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments to the claims as shown herein. The amendments mainly adopt U.S. practice or remove impermissible multiple dependency. New claims 15-20 are based on original claims 3, 6, 7, 9, and 12. In addition, applicants have amended the specification to include subheadings according to U.S. practice.

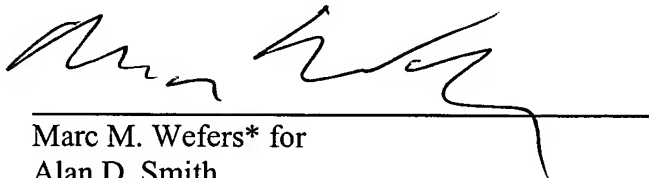
Claims 1-20 are pending. Applicant asks that all claims be examined in view of the amendment to the claims.

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